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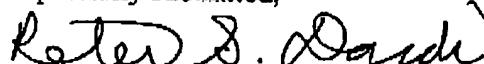
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Attached is the following for filing in the above-identified application.

(1) Amendment in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006.

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A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks

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